BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.

For Approval of Changes in its Depreciation Rates and Approval of) Vintage Amortization Accounting.

DOCKET NO. 02-0391

ORDER NO. 20778

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ATTEST: A True Copy KAREN HIGASHI

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ORDER

I.

Introduction

Pursuant to Order No. 20745, filed on January 8, 2004, the parties to this docket, HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO") and the Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate") (collectively, the "Parties"), were to notify the commission on January 16, 2004 either that a settlement agreement has been reached or that a settlement agreement could not be reached and that an evidentiary hearing is requested. On January 16, 2004, the Parties wrote to the commission jointly requesting an extension of time until February 4, 2004, to advise the commission of the outcome of their settlement discussions. The Parties also requested that the commission cancel the evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin on

¹The commission approved Stipulated Prehearing Order No. 20162 on April 29, 2003, which established, among other things, the schedule of proceedings for this docket. The commission subsequently amended the schedule of proceedings by Order No. 20638, filed on November 14, 2003 and Order No. 20745, filed on January 8, 2004.

February 4, 2004, and advised that they will request a new hearing date on February 4, 2004, if a hearing is necessary.

Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-23(a)(1) provides the commission with the discretion, for good cause shown, to enlarge a period by which a required act must be completed, if a written request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed. The commission finds good cause in this instance to enlarge the deadline by which the Parties must advise the commission of their settlement discussions.

II.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 1. The Parties' joint request for an extension of time until February 4, 2004 to notify the commission either that a settlement agreement has been reached or that a settlement agreement could not be reached and that the Parties request an evidentiary hearing is granted, pursuant to HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1).
- 2. The evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin on February 4, 2004 is cancelled and will be rescheduled, upon request by the Parties.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Commissioner

Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Catherine P. Awakuni Commission Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 20778 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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